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for use in Government medical institutions provided they are more or less equal in all respects to those manufactured elsewhere."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I enquire whether the stores which can be obtained in India are not still obtained from the India Office?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"As far as possible those that are available in India are purchased in India. But where they are not available in India, the Stores department are asked to purchase for the India Office."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—"How do Government ascertain that these instructions are carried out? What is there to check and audit the whims and wishes of the institutions from doing as they liked?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"Once the Government have passed orders it is expected that heads of departments responsible for the discharge of duties will do their work, and if they do not do so, the Government will see that they do it."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I know how the Government know this? My information is that the rule is honoured more in the breach than in observance in some offices."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"I am sorry that the experience of the hon. Member is so much in variance with ordinary practice. I am sure people who are in charge of Government and those subordinate to them do carry out Government Orders and if they do not, that is the occasion for the Government to take whatever action they think necessary. So far as Government are concerned, they are satisfied that the heads of departments to whom these orders are communicated are discharging their duties."

Tirupati Government Hospital and adequacy of accommodation therein.

* 48 *Q.*—SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI:—Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the year in which the Tirupati Government hospital came under Government management;

(*b*) the statistics of out-patients, in-patients and number of operations carried out for the five years succeeding the taking over of control by the Government and the five years preceding;

(*c*) whether the present accommodation for in-patients is sufficient;

(*d*) whether admission into the hospital was refused to some by the medical officer-in-charge on the ground of insufficient accommodation;

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(*e*) whether any representation was received urging for an increase in the accommodation; and

(*f*) if so, whether any action was taken thereon; if not, why?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" (*a*) The hospital was taken over by the Government with effect from 1st May 1928.

" (*b*) The statistics of in-patients and out-patients will be found in statement C appended to the annual report on the civil hospitals and dispensaries in the Madras Presidency. The statistics of operations carried out are as follows:—

Year.	Number of operations.	Year.	Number of operations.
1923	879	1929	1,448
1924	723	1930	1,222
1925	2,145	1931	1,142
1926	2,770	1932	1,081
1927	1,374	1933	984

" (*c*) The in-patient accommodation cannot be said to be sufficient; but it is not so urgently in need of additional accommodation as many other hospitals.

" (*d*) The answer is in the affirmative; but no acute, serious or emergent cases were refused admission.

" (*e*) Except the resolutions of the Hospital Advisory Committee, no other representation has been received by the District Medical Officer, Chittoor. No definite proposals for additions and improvements to the hospital have been received by the Surgeon-General or the Government.

" (*f*) In view of the position explained in the latter portion of the answer to clause (*e*) above, no action from the Government was called for."

SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI:—" May I request the Hon. Minister to consider the desirability of extending the present building having regard to the large number of in-patients that are coming day after day to the hospital? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" I have explained in my answer that comparatively there is not such a great demand as there is in very many other hospitals which require the first attention of the Government."

Damages caused in Mangalore and Calicut by excessive rainfall in May, June and July 1938, *and concession, if any, in the collection of land revenue.*

* 49 *Q.*—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased—

(*a*) to place before the House a statement showing the rainfall in Mangalore and Calicut from the 1st of May 1938 to 31st